

**MINUTES OF THE
AUBURN CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
MEETING
MARCH 4, 2008**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historic Design Review Commission was called to order on March 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Smith in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Merz, Spokely, Thompson, Worthington, Elder, Kidd, Chrm. Smith

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Briggs

STAFF PRESENT: Reg Murray, Senior Planner; Lance Lowe, Associate Planner; Sue Fraizer, Administrative Assistant

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 15, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted. The minutes of the February 5, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A. Historic Design Review - 836 Lincoln Way (Club Car Bar & Restaurant) - File HDR 08-6.** The applicant requests approval of one ±22 square foot wall sign for a business entitled Club Car Bar & Restaurant located at 836 Lincoln Way.

Planner Lowe gave the staff report. The applicant proposes to install the sign on the Hink Block Building, which contains the Club Car Bar & Restaurant. Planner Lowe described the details of the sign, including materials, colors and size. The proposed sign will be centered over the front windows and door of the business. Staff has

reviewed the selection of sign materials and colors and considers them to be consistent with the intent of the Historical Design Guidelines and appropriate for the Downtown area. Staff is in support of the proposed sign.

Comm. Worthington asked if the applicant is required to center the sign under the "Hink Block" sign.

Planner Lowe replied that they are not, and that it should be taken into account that other signs will be placed on the building. The proposed sign is centered over the applicant's business frontage.

Comm. Worthington asked if the applicant intends to install lighting for the sign.

Planner Lowe suggested this question be asked of the applicant.

Comm. Elder asked if this is the only sign on this building.

Planner Lowe replied that it is at this time, however others may be installed there.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Sarah Sanders of 836 Lincoln Way, stated that she has no problem with centering the sign under the Hink Block sign. At this time, she has no plan for lighting the sign. She needs to get the sign up so that customers can locate her business.

Comm. Merz pointed out that if the lighting is not included in the proposal, the applicant will have to return for approval of the lighting at a later time.

Comm. Thompson asked if staff could approve lighting if the applicant chooses to add it at a later time.

Ken Fleishman of Solix Graphics who is the sign designer said that they would like to apply for the lighting at this time so that they can determine if electricity is available and proceed with the lighting if they decide to add it.

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of approval of the lighting by staff. It was determined that any added lighting could be approved by staff, keeping in mind that it be consistent with other lighting in the Downtown area.

Ralph Roper of 230 Electric Street in Auburn stated that he believes the sign size is too large and he would like to see it down-sized by 1/3.

There were no other comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Spokely stated that he believes the sign fits well into the Downtown area. He thinks that leaving the lighting to staff's discretion is a good idea.

Comm. Merz **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 08-4, approving one ±22 square foot wall sign for the front facade of the Club Car Bar & Restaurant located at 836 Lincoln Way. Any lighting added later may be approved by staff.

Comm. Spokely **SECONDED**.

AYES: Merz, Spokely, Thompson, Chrm. Smith
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Worthington, Elder, Kidd
ABSENT: Briggs

The motion was approved.

B. Historic Design Review - 885/891 Lincoln Way (Sanders Building) - File HDR 07-43. The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval of a ±102 square foot addition, patio area, and exterior improvements to the Sanders building located at 885/891 Lincoln Way.

Planner Lowe gave the staff report. He provided details about the proposed changes to the building, including colors, materials, windows and awnings. With the proposed changes to the roof, the currently visible air conditioning unit will be hidden. No additional parking will be required for this project. Staff is in support of the proposal.

Comm. Worthington asked if the demolition will include the planting areas in the front of the building.

Planner Lowe replied that the planting areas will not be demolished, and clarified what the demolition will include.

Comm. Elder asked if staff researched the date of construction of the building to determine if it is actually 1921.

Planner Lowe replied that the date is not listed in the building file.

Chrm. Smith stated that he has done some research, and found that the first recording was in 1870. The Locher family owned it from 1880-1890. If it will be called the Sanders Building, he recommends that it should be the date that it changed title, which is 2007. He is opposed to this part of the project.

The public hearing was opened.

The applicant, Michael Murphy of 500 Auburn Folsom Road in Auburn, stated that the new owner feels that the facade needs an upgrade, however the establishment date is not necessary. The address could be used instead of the establishment date. They would be willing to place a plaque on the front of the building which shows the history of the building.

Comm. Spokely asked how many tenants are in the building.

Mr. Murphy replied that at this time there is one tenant, however there are two addresses there.

The Commissioners discussed the signage.

Comm. Worthington **MOVED** to:

Adopt HDRC Resolution No. 08-7 approving the ±102 square foot addition; ±156 square foot patio area; and exterior improvements to the Sanders building located at 885/891 Lincoln Way as modified to remove the date, and add exterior lighting. The lighting shall be consistent with other lighting approved in the Downtown Historic District.

Comm. Spokely **SECONDED**.

AYES:	Merz, Spokely, Thompson, Worthington, Elder, Kidd, Chrm. Smith
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Briggs

The motion was approved.

ITEM VI: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

- A. City Council Meetings
None.
- B. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings
There will be a meeting on March 18, 2008.

C. Reports
None.

ITEM VII: HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

**ITEM VIII: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
AGENDA ITEMS**

Comm. Elder stated that she will contact the Placer County Historical Society to see if they have established standards for plaques.

ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant